## Give your essay a hand



## OPENING PARAGRAPH

The first paragraph introduces the reader to the topic of the essay ("Agriculture Counts"). This is where the writer grabs the reader's attention. After introducing the topic, the writer also introduces three subtopics that support the thesis statement. Between this paragraph and all paragraphs of the essay, there needs to be some kind of a transition word, phrase, or sentence.

## SUPPORTING PARAGRAPHS

The second through fourth paragraphs restate the subtopics, and provide three or more supporting sentences for each subtopic.

## CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH

The fifth and last paragraph restates the main thesis idea and reminds the reader of the three main supporting ideas that were developed. All of these paragraphs are important.

